are awaiting the consideration/decision of the FIPB.

Name of the Project	Location
1. 500 MW from M/s. Balargarh Power Co. Ltd. at a project cost of Rs. 2059 crores.	Balargarh, West Bengal
2. 170 MW Naphtha based Power Project from M/s. Smith Cogeneration (I) Pvt. Ltd. at a Project cost of Rs. 684 crores.	Bengare, Mangalore, Karnataka

(c) FIPB has so far approved around eighty two proposals relating to power projects.

(d) there is a continued effort to clear all such proposals as per the guidelines.

Setting up of Scope

539. SHRI K.M. SAIFULIAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when was SCOPE (Standing Conference of Public Enterprises) was set up and with what objectives;

(b) what was the estimated cost of the project and by what time it was targeted to be completed; and

(c) the present status of the project and the expenditure incurred so far?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) was set up in 1970 as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 with the following objectives.

"SCOPE look upon its tasks as both internal and external to the public sector. Internally, it would endeavour to assist the public sector in such ways as would help to improve its total performance. Externally, it would help to improve its total boundary role in conveying such information and advice to the community and the Government as would generally help the public sector in its role."

(b) and (c) SCOPE is not a project but an institution. The question of a project cost and expenditure therefore, does not arise.

Technological upgradation of MUL

540. SHRI JALAUDIN ANSARI: SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Suzuki Motor Co. (SMC) has frozen all work on technological upgradation of the existing Maruti Udyog Ltd. models; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) is a non-Government Company. However, as per MUL, there is no communication from Suzuki Motor Corporation in this regard.

Strength of Biecco Lawrie Company Ltd. and IBP Co. Ltd.

541. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Biecco Lawrie Company Ltd. has twenty five officers against 1300 workmen before reference to B.I.F.R. and present strength of officers is 165 as against 650 workmen;

(b) whether officers of Biecco Lawrie Company Ltd. are getting equal salary at par with the officers of I.B.P. Company Ltd. and Workmen of Biecco Lawrie Company Ltd. are getting less salary in comparison to workmen of I.B.P. Company Ltd.;

(c) if so, the reasons for discriminatory treatment; and

(d) whether Government will advise/direct for payment of same wages to workers to Biecco Lawrie Company Ltd. at par with I.B.P. workers and also